

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Columbia, South Carolina

October 8, 2002

The State Board of Education (Board) held its October meeting at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, October 8, 2002, in the Basement Conference Room of the Rutledge State Office Building. The following State Board members were in attendance: Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair; Mr. Greg Killian, Chair-Elect; Ms. Victoria Belin; Mr. Carlos A. Cervantes; Dr. Anne S. Crook; Mr. Clarence Dickert; Mrs. Brenda Fort; Mr. John H. Hostetler; Dr. Mary E. Jones; Mr. Bryan Keelin; Mr. Marion B. Lee, Jr.; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. James Mattos; Mr. James C. McRae; Dr. Harriett Rucker; and Mr. Chris Verenes. Also present was staff of the State Department of Education. *(Board member unable to attend was Mrs. Gail Moss, who was excused for her absence.)*

OPENING

The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

Mr. Verenes moved for the approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2002 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mattos and approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Dr. Jones moved for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McRae and approved by the Board.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair White welcomed the visitors present. There were no representatives from the news media present.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

PRESENTATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent Tenenbaum distributed copies of the State Department of Education Strategic Plan and discussed highlights and goals from the plan.

PRESENTATION OF THE TELLY AWARD BY REBA CAMPBELL, VICE-PRESIDENT, ETV

Last year the Commission on National and Community Service developed a six-minute video on AmeriCorps. Superintendent Tenenbaum, Steve Hefner, Vince Ford, and several corps members were featured. ETV submitted it to be considered for a Telly Award (similar to Academy Awards for Videos) at the national level and it won. Reba Campbell, Vice-President,

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ETV, presented the Telly Award to Superintendent Tenenbaum and Tommy Myers, Chairman of the South Carolina Commission on National and Community Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public speakers for this meeting.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Marion B. Lee, Chair

Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee

Dr. Mary E. Jones, Acting Chair for Mr. Clarence Dickert, Chair

Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee

Mr. James G. Mattos, Chair

Finance and Legislative Committee

Mr. J. Spratt White, Chair

Educational Policy Committee

56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee—Mr. Marion B. Lee reported that the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee (*TRTC*) met on Monday, October 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2002—Mr. Lee reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2002, TRTC Committee Meeting—Mr. Lee reported that the minutes from the September 10, 2002, meeting were approved.

03. TRTC Committee Meeting Overview—Mr. Lee reported that Dr. Janice Poda, Senior Director, Division of Teacher Quality, gave a brief overview of the items that were presented to the TRTC Committee.

Mr. Lee reported that items 56-04, 56-06, 56-08, and 56-09 were placed on the consent agenda.

05. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations for new performance-based unit standards (Second Reading)—Mr. Lee reported that the State Superintendent of Education established the Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee (TEPSC) in September 2000 in response to Regulation 43-62 that states, "The State Board of Education will replace the individual course requirements for certification with Standards-Based Teacher Licensure requirements by July 1, 2003." As a result of Regulation 43-62, this broad-based committee was charged with the responsibility of developing performance-based unit and program standards for South Carolina's teacher education programs.

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TEPSC met numerous times during 2000–01 to review existing performance-based models used in other states and to either develop or recommend one set of performance-based standards for use in South Carolina. In January 2001, TEPSC recommended that NCATE performance-based standards be adopted for use in South Carolina by all teacher preparation institutions. Information about the proposed performance-based unit standards was shared with all deans of teacher education programs during 2000–01 and was placed on the Division of Teacher Quality's Web site for input from other interested parties.

On behalf of the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendation to approve the NCATE unit standards and the requirement of teacher education institutions to change approved programs to meet these proposed unit standards by their next scheduled on-site accreditation visit.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she would vote against this because she is very troubled by the inclusion of religious affiliation as a way to classify people in terms of diversity. Mr. Cervantes stated that he also had the same opinion.

Mr. Keelin moved to amend the motion to include on page 56-05-12, under Target, "Candidates are encouraged to interact in classroom settings..." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maguire. The motion failed with a vote of six in favor (Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Keelin, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hostetler, Mr. Cervantes, and Mr. Killian) to eight opposed.

The original motion was approved by the Board, with three opposing votes by Mr. Keelin, Mrs. Maguire, and Mr. Cervantes.

07. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations to adopt the Policy Guidelines for South Carolina Teacher Education Units (Second Reading)—Mr. Lee reported that the State Board of Education and General Assembly have approved Regulation 43-90. Therefore, the *Policy Guidelines for South Carolina Teacher Education Units* have been developed to clearly articulate the specific State Board of Education expectations for teacher education institutions.

The *Policy Guidelines for South Carolina Teacher Education Units* will be beneficial to institutions and the State Department of Education as a performance-based accreditation system is implemented by all teacher education units beginning July 1, 2002.

On behalf of the Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Committee, Mr. Lee moved that the State Board of Education accept the recommendation to approve the *Policy Guidelines for South Carolina Teacher Education Units* for all teacher preparation institutions.

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the motion to strike the word "religion" from "cultural diversity" and "diversity" in the glossary on page 56-07-18. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cervantes.

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After discussion, the motion to amend failed by a vote of six in favor (Mrs. Maguire, Mr. Keelin, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hostetler, Mr. Cervantes, and Mr. Killian) to nine opposed.

The original motion was approved by the Board, with three opposing votes by Mr. Keelin, Mrs. Maguire, and Mr. Cervantes.

Mr. Lee reported that the following item was presented for information:

- **Title II Report Card**

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee—Dr. Mary Jones reported for Mr. Clarence Dickert that the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2002—Dr. Jones reported that the agenda for October 7, 2002, was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2002—Dr. Jones reported that the minutes of the September 10, 2002, Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee meeting were approved.

Dr. Jones reported that items 55-03, 55-04, 55-05, and 55-06 were placed on the consent agenda.

07. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-264.1 (V)(A)(1) (Supp. 2001), Half-Day Child Development Programs (First Reading)—Dr. Jones reported that the Cognitive Skills Assessment Battery is an outdated assessment of young children, having been given since 1979, and is no longer used. The change in the regulation provides that the determination of funding will be based on the number of children in kindergarten who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. The purpose of half-day child development programs is to provide services for children most at risk of school failure.

Dr. Rucker asked for information on the change of the free and reduced lunch schedule. Mrs. Mellanie Jinnette, Office of Finance, explained the free and reduced lunch indicators and answered questions.

After discussion, the motion was approved by the Board.

Dr. Jones reported that the following items were presented for information:

- ***Catalyst: Setting the Standards for Student Learning Through School Library Media Centers***
- **Requested Waiver of the Section of Regulation 43-264.1, Half Day Child Development Programs from Florence County School District One, Florence County School District Two, Georgetown County School District, Lexington County School District One, Lexington County School District Two, Sumter County School**

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District 17, and The School District of Union County that stipulates that a minimum of 10 percent of the total budget shall be utilized in supplies/materials and equipment for instructional purposes (Section V1 B.1. and 1.)

54. Finance and Legislative Committee—Mr. James Mattos reported that the Finance and Legislative Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2002—Mr. Mattos reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2002, meeting was approved.

02. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2002—Mr. Mattos reported that the minutes of the September 10, 2002, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Mattos reported that item 54-03 was placed on the consent agenda.

Mr. Mattos reported that the following items were submitted for information:

- **State Board of Education Financial Statements**
- **Presentation by the South Carolina School Boards Association**

52. Educational Policy Committee—Chair White reported that the Educational Policy Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2002.

01. Approval of Agenda for October 7, 2002—Chair White reported that the agenda for the October 7, 2002, meeting was approved as presented.

02. Approval of Educational Policy Committee Minutes of August 13, 2002—Chair White reported that the minutes for the August 13, 2002, Educational Policy Committee meeting were approved.

Chair White reported that items 52-03, 52-04, 52-05 and 52-06 were placed on the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by the Board without further debate upon motion by Mrs. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Mattos:

56-04 Revision of guidelines for the Pilot Project for the South Carolina Troops-to-Teachers (SCT³) Coalition to Offer an Alternative Route to Teacher Certification for Retiring Military Personnel (First Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented and waived Second Reading.

56-05 The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations for new performance-based unit standards (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-06. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations to adopt the most recent National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Handbook for Accreditation Visits (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-07. The Teacher Education Performance-based Standards Committee's (TEPSC) recommendations to adopt the Policy Guidelines for South Carolina Teacher Education Units (Second Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-08. Proposed Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-55 (Supp. 2001), Renewal of Credentials (First Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

56-09. Proposed Repeal of 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-55.2 (1991), Expired Certificate (First Reading)

The TRTC Committee approved this item as presented.

55-03. Deletion of the section entitled "Adaptations of the South Carolina Mathematics Curriculum Standards for Students Participating in Alternative Assessment" from the South Carolina Mathematics Curriculum Standards 2000 (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-04. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-236 (Supp. 2001), Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-05. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-241 (1995), Homebound Instruction (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-06. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (to be codified at Supp. 2002), Graduation Requirements (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

55-07. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-264.1 (V)(A)(1) (Supp. 2001), Half-Day Child Development Programs (First Reading)

The Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee approved this item as presented.

54-03. Facilities Waiver—Greenville County School District, Slater-Marietta Elementary

The Finance and Legislative Committee approved this item as presented.

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52-03. Proposed amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-600 (Supp. 2001), Charter School Appeals (formerly known as Charter School Regulation) (First Reading)

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-04. Proposed Regulation for Procedures and Standards for Review of Charter School Applications (First Reading)

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-05. Approval of State Board Volunteer Awards Nominating Committee Selections for the 2002 Volunteer Awards Program

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

52-06. Approval of the State Board of Education Agenda Preparation and Meeting Schedule for 2003

The Educational Policy Committee approved this item as presented.

**REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TEACHER LICENSURE ISSUES OF
OCTOBER 7, 2002**

Chair-Elect Killian gave a report of the actions taken by the State Board of Education concerning teacher certification issues in the State of South Carolina on Monday, October 7, 2002.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2002

Mr. Lee moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2002, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keelin and approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Mattos seconded the motion. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

Chair

Secretary

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